

Comments on FCC NPRM 02-230

The FCC has no business getting into Digital Restriction Management. The mandate of the FCC is to provide proper management of the airwaves as a public trust. When the FCC was formed, the airwaves were seen as a valuable PUBLIC resource that could not be entrusted to open market forces that were concerned only with profit. Any support by the FCC for the "broadcast flag" is completely contrary to the purpose that the FCC was founded for in the first place!

The "broadcast flag" was born in minds that head corporations that are single-mindedly focused on maximizing profits at the expense of consumer rights that have been verified and sanctified by many years of court decisions that have gone all the way to the Supreme Court of these United States. I refer you to any of the many decisions and discussions on "fair use" rights.

The only reason that the FCC is involved with this decision at all is due to one person. When he failed to garner enough support to change the laws of this great land, a certain Congressman (and you know exactly who I am referring to) decided that it didn't have to pass through the legislature. It could be decided without any messy public review or some nasty vote in both houses that he was sure to lose; it could be decided unilaterally by the FCC! You must not be party to this kind of political legerdemain motivated by the money paid by rich business interests who want to BUY law that benefits only them and robs every American of their rights as established by the Supreme Court.

Any further comments on the benefits or costs of the "broadcast flag" are superfluous. Frankly, the decision is not yours to make!

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